<u>REMARKS</u>

This application has been amended by canceling claims 1-5 and 9-12 and rewriting claim 6. Claims 6-8 and 13-17 remain in the application for reconsideration.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 9-11 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Stern. The Examiner rejected claims 4, 5 and 12 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stern in view of Sidley. Claims 1-5 and 9-12 have been canceled.

The Examiner objected to claims 6-8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 6 is therefore believed allowable. Claim 7-8 depend from claim 6, and are therefore believed allowable.

The Examiner indicated that claims 13-17 were allowed.

For the reasons above, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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